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The attached validity study of NIE 92-56, "The Outlook for Bolivia," published 11 September 1956, was noted by the IAC on 7 January 1958 (IAC-M-323, item 8 c).

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- 1. The previous estimate (NIE 92-56) correctly forecast the general situation in Bolivia during 1956-1957, pointing toward a continuation of the MNR regime in power with some economic progress.
- 2. The estimate anticipated the latent threat to internal stability represented by labor-leftist leader Juan Lechin. However, it underestimated Siles' capabilities for obtaining the popular support which enabled him to counteract the threat to his position and program posed by Lechin in mid-July 1957.